



Genesee Valley Audubon Society

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Rochester, NY

The Secretary, United States Section
International Joint Commission
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Washington, DC 20440

Dear Sirs,

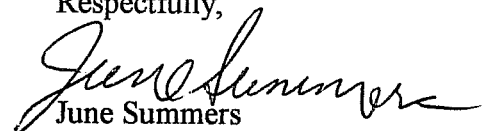
On behalf of Genesee Valley Audubon Society I urge you to adopt Plan B+ for controlling the water level of Lake Ontario for the following reasons.

- Plan B+ allows for more natural fluctuation of the Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River system benefits the ecosystem as well as fishermen, municipal water authorities and many other users of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario, thereby benefiting the economy of the region.
- Plan B+ mimics Lake Ontario's natural water patterns while taming the extremes of high and low water levels that can lead to economic damage.
- Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River – and the recreational and commercial economies that they support – have been seriously and consistently degraded for fifty years. Now is the time to end this loss by implementing Plan B+ immediately.
- A healthy Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River system is essential to sustain the region's "new economy" which is increasingly dependent on tourism, water recreation, low-cost and environmentally-friendly hydroelectric production, and a thriving lake/river environment that will enrich the quality of life for all its inhabitants.

We also believe that the IJC should limit deviations from Plan B+. Deviations should only be allowed in case of a significant emergency. The IJC should include funding for an adaptive management approach, which would include ongoing research of the impacts of water levels regulation on the River and Lake ecosystem.

Please adopt Plan B+, allow the ecosystem of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River the chance to recover.

Respectfully,


June Summers
President